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COSMOS TRUE GALAXY OF WORLD STARS

In the four years since they signed the legendary **Pele**, New York Cosmos have become a show business sporting phenomenon to rival the long-famous Harlem Globetrotters in basketball.

Now this soccer team — or the greatest soccer show on earth packed with some of the most exciting "acts" seen in Australian sport — is coming to Australia, with matches scheduled for Sydney on October 24 and Adelaide on October 28.

Heading the list of star attractions is the man who took over Pele's role as the world's most gifted and exciting player, Franz Beckenbauer.

Since he burst, almost literally, onto the world soccer stage in the World Cup finals in England in 1966, Beckenbauer has been one of the unchallenged superstars in the game.

His two goals against the Swiss at Hillsborough stadium in Sheffield during the early rounds of the finals tournament, and the 30-yard curling drive which destroyed Russian resistance in a bruising, ill-tempered semi-final, marked the young midfielder as a mature and established star while still in his teens.

In those early days, Beckenbauer was talked of in the same breath as Pele, Bobby Charlton, Alfredo di Stefano, Gento, Garrincha and Puskas.

Later he was compared with Holland's Johan Cruyff and Johan Neeskens, Gerd Muller from his own club Bayern Munich, Gianni Rivera from Italy and Rivelino, Jairzinho, Gerson and Carlos Alberto of Brazil.

Yet Beckenbauer has withstood the comparison and emerged as probably the player with the greatest impact on soccer in the past 15 years.

His only rival then as the world's outstanding sweeper was Carlos Alberto (Torres) who had captained Brazil to a record third World Cup win in 1970.

Today, Carlos Alberto is Beckenbauer's Cosmos teammate, playing at sweeper, with Kaiser Franz back at midfield.

While there is little to choose between the two as sweepers, Beckenbauer's greater versatility around the ground enables Cosmos to obtain maximum benefit from both by playing him in midfield.

Neeskens, who played against Beckenbauer in the World Cup final in 1974 — scoring the penalty goal which gave Holland a first-minute lead — is also now with Cosmos.

Neeskens also played in the 1978 World Cup final and was once again on the losing side when Argentina beat Holland 3-1 after the scores had been level 1-1 at the end of normal time.

His teammate in the Dutch national team in 1974 and 1978, Wim Rijsbergen, is now also in Cosmos.

Rijsbergen, rated as one of the outstanding defenders in the world, played with Feyenoord in the Dutch national league, then moved to Bastia, a small town in the Mediterranean island of Corsica, and helped them move up to fifth place last year in the French first division.

The array of stars in this Cosmos does not end there.

Soccer lovers in Australia will remember the tour by Red Star Belgrade in January and February 1977.

The star of those games was Vladimir Bogicevic, a tall strong

midfielder who strode through the Australian defence readily to score or set up goals for his teammates.

Six months later, Bogicevic was back in Australia, leading Red Star to the final of the World of Soccer tournament between Glasgow Celtic, Arsenal, Red Star and the Australian team preparing for the World Cup.

Once again Red Star proved too good for the Australians, with Bogicevic sparking a 2-1 win in Melbourne.

Australians will also remember one of Cosmos' most reliable defenders, Andranik Eskandarian.

On arrival at Cosmos he was quickly dubbed "Eski", which will suit him admirably in Australia.

It is particularly apt name, as he remained ice-cool in Melbourne in 1977 when detailed to keep a close watch on Australia's quicksilver striker John Kosmina.

Marking Kosmina almost out of the game, Eski was a big factor in Iran's 1-0 World Cup win, a result the Iranians repeated in the return game in Teheran later in the same year.

—By **STEPHEN BLATCHFORD**



**COSMOS
SPECIAL**

Thus, Australia was eliminated, and Iran went on to represent Asia in the final 16 in Argentina, drawing 1-1 with Scotland and losing only 0-3 to Holland.

Four years earlier, Eskandarian played for Iran in two qualifying

matches with Australia each side winning its home game, Australia 3-0 and Iran 2-0.

This time, it was Australia who won the Asian zone representation, and went on to play in the finals in West Germany.

But Eskandarian will be back next week with Cosmos, once again doing his considerable best from left back to blot out Australia's strikers.

COSMOS GAME IS BUILT ON PURE SKILL

—By **JOHNNY WARREN**
Former skipper of Australia

One of the most exciting experiences of my life was seeing Cosmos playing San Jose Earthquakes in a North American Soccer League match.

The skill and enthusiasm of Franz Beckenbauer, Johan Neeskens, Wim Rijsbergen, Carlos Alberto, Marinho, Dennis Tueart and Vladimir Bogicevic were a revelation to me.

The skill I had expected. After all, I was watching some of the most talented players in the history of the game.

The enthusiasm staggered me.

These players had gone from their own countries to play for two or three years on huge contracts, and I had ex-

pected them to do a thoroughly professional, clinical job.

But I wasn't prepared for the sheer exuberance of their soccer, and their determination to win.

Their joy whenever one of the team scored a goal was infectious, setting the whole crowd alight with enjoyment and creating a tremendous atmosphere.

It made me realise what I had known in my own playing days — that the really great footballers play the game primarily because they love it and enjoy it.

They're prepared to work hard to stay fit and to improve their skills, and they put everything into using those skills to the full during a match.

And because they enjoy the game so much they play with flair and a sense of adventure.

I saw Beckenbauer and Bogicevic floating and chipping passes into the penalty

area, and Tueart volleying shots on the turn or diving full length to head a goal — in a way that has been forgotten or abandoned in Europe, where the accent is so much on not losing.

This leads to teams in Britain and Europe playing for a draw in away matches and banking on picking up wins at home.

This cannot happen in the NASL where there must be a decisive result for every match.

If the score is tied at the end of normal time, a shoot-out is played.

In this way, teams are encouraged to go for all out for a win from the start of every match.

There is more attacking play, more opportunity for players to use their creative skills to the full, more excitement, and more emotional involvement by the spectators.

It all helps to create atmosphere, and this spurs the

players on even more.

The whole scene is electrifying.

It may not happen to the same extent with other clubs in the NASL where the crowds are sometimes smaller.

But Cosmos are averaging home attendances of almost 50,000 a match — and everyone in those vast crowds is getting full value for money.

They are treated to a superb exhibition of soccer skills — the calm authority of Beckenbauer and Carlos Alberto, the power and pace of Bogicevic, the delicate footwork and body-swerve of Tueart and the insistent goalgetting of Chinaglia.

The younger players aspiring to regular first team places and the American-born players seeking to prove themselves in this distinguished company are inspired to play above themselves, to raise their game to the level of the experienced superstars alongside them.

Franz Beckenbauer, the new King of Cosmos, to be seen in Sydney on October 24.

These are the Cosmos stars



COSMOS SPECIAL



CARLOS ALBERTO (TORRES)

DEFENDER Born: 1/7/44
Carlos Alberto is the "glue" that binds the Cosmos defense together. In 1978 in addition to being named the North American Soccer League's "Defensive Player of the Year", he was an NASL All-Star who was also honored as NASL Best Defender.

He is former Brazilian national team captain and captain of Brazil's 1970 World Cup champions.

A "libero" who helped pioneer the modern Brazilian style of soccer, Carlos Alberto was purchased by the Cosmos from Flamengo of Rio de Janeiro after playing on loan with the Cosmos for the last four games of 1977 and the playoffs.

His arrival, in fact, was hailed as one of the major links in the Cosmos' drive to their first of two successive NASL championships.

Carlos, who began his pro career at 19 with Fluminense of Rio, played with Santos of Brazil and Pele from 1966 to 1974.

He was sold back to Fluminense in 1975 and led that club to back-to-back Rio championships.

He is married (Theresa) and has two children (Carlos Alexandre 12 and Andrea 11).



ANTONIO CARBOGNANI

MIDFIELDER Born: 5/11/53
Antonio Carbognani, one of the newest members of the Cosmos, signed with the NASL champions in February following his acquisition from Club Barcelona of Guayaquil, Ecuador. And it was while playing for Barcelona that he first caught the Cosmos' eye.

Antonio, who can play either offensive or defensive midfield, played against the Cosmos last year when they were held by Barcelona to a 1-1 tie on their fall tour of South America.

Cosmos scouts also saw him in action in the championship game of a local tournament and liked what they saw.

A skilful and very active midfielder, Antonio first joined Barcelona in 1976 after beginning his professional career with San Telmo of Buenos Aires in 1972.

The youngster led San Telmo to the Argentine Second Division club championship in 1975 and helped elevate the team to the first Division in 1976 before going to Barcelona.

Antonio got his start in soccer in 1964 when he was 11-years old in the youth program of Huracan of Buenos Aires.



ANDRANIK ESKANDARIAN

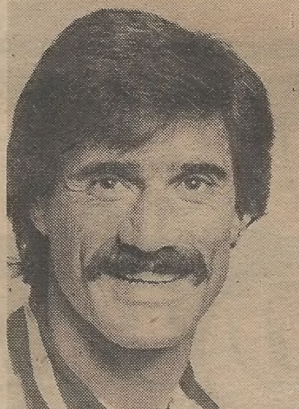
DEFENDER Born: 3/12/51
Eskandarian, the Iranian World Cupper who signed with the Cosmos in time to accompany the team on its 1978 tour of South America, was, according to no less an authority than Giorgio Chinaglia, the club's best player on the tour.

Eskandarian anchored the backline from his left fullback position as Iran's World Cup team advanced to the final 16 in Argentina.

A four-year member of the Iranian national team with 35 "caps" to his credit, he also played 10 years with Tadj and two for the Iranian Army Team before joining the Cosmos.

Eskandarian first appeared before the Giants Stadium faithful as a member of the World All-Stars...and then joined the Cosmos as a guest performer in their exhibition against Boca Juniors. His services were also sought by six European and two Australian clubs.

"Eski", as he was quickly dubbed is extremely difficult to beat and is particularly proficient in the air. He played on two Asian Cup-winning Iranian Youth Teams (1973 and 1974), for the Iranian Army Team that competed in the World Army Soccer Games at West Germany in 1974, and in the 1976 Olympic Games at Montreal.



ARSENIO RODRIGUES JARDIM (SENINHO)

FORWARD Born 1/7/49
Seninho joined the Cosmos last June from F.C. Oporto, the Portuguese First Division champion, but never really hit his stride until the club's post-season tour.

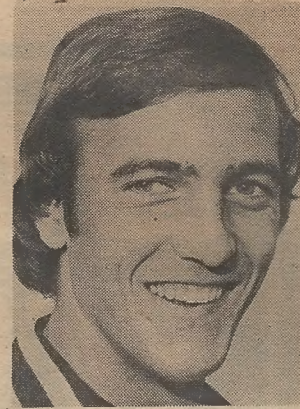
His playing time was sharply restricted by a severe hamstring pull that limited him to just five regular-season and a pair of playoff games.

Seninho, who has scored more than 250 goals during his career, played against Cyprus and Poland and scored one goal as Portugal was eliminated in the qualifying round for the 1978 World Cup.

He has 12 international appearances to his credit, including games against Italy, France and Denmark.

Seninho joined Oporto from his native Angola in 1969 but later played for the Angolan Champions in 1973-74.

He has seen UEFA Cup action and played in Cup Winners Cup and friendly matches against some of the world's top clubs.



JOHAN NEESKENS

MIDFIELDER Born: 15/9/51
One of the finest midfielders ever, he signed a five-year contract with the Cosmos in June following the expiration of his contract with Barcelona.

One of the major reasons Holland rose to world prominence in soccer, a central midfielder noted for his strong shot, he frequently pushes the attack up from his centre spot.

Excellent in the air and a penalty kick specialist.

Signed his first professional contract with Ajax of Amsterdam in 1967 at the age of 16 (first played organised soccer at ten), formed the cornerstone of Ajax' formidable midfield which helped carry the team to three straight European Cup championships — in 1971, 1972 and 1973.

During his tenure Ajax was Dutch champion in 1967-68, 70-72-73 and captured the Dutch Cup in 1967-70-71-72.

Scored a goal in the second leg as Ajax won the World Club Championship in 1972 over Independiente of Argentina.

Followed Cruyff to Barcelona for the 1974-75 season and played in Spain until deciding to join the Cosmos, who secured his services in direct competition with Arsenal of England and Strasbourg of France.

Helped lead Barcelona to the Cup Winners Cup over Fortuna Dusseldorf earlier this year, played for Holland when they finished third in European Nations Cup competition in 1976 and has 46 caps for Holland.

Played in two World Cup finals, scoring Holland's only goal in the penalty spot against West Germany in 1974. His five World Cup goals are second only to Robbie Rensenbrink's six among all-time Dutch performers.

First came to worldwide fame during the 1974 World Cup. Played for Holland against Argentina on May 22 at Bern, Switzerland in a replay of the 1978 World Cup Final to help celebrate FIFA's 75th anniversary.

Married, one son, Christian, citizen of Holland, born at Haarlem.

HUBERT BIRKENMEIER

GOALKEEPER Born: 24/5/49
Was recommended to the Cosmos by no less an authority on goalkeepers than Franz Beckenbauer.

Joined the Cosmos from FC Freiburg of the West German Second Division South, began his professional career at Freiburg after playing in the club's youth team.

Spent three seasons with Tennis Borussia, a period during which that team went from second to first and back to the second division. Returned to Freiburg when Tennis Borussia was relegated to the second division.

Made one appearance for the German amateur national team.

Single, citizen of West Germany who was born in Hartaheim, a small hamlet in the Black Forest.



"WIM" RIJSBERGEN

MIDFIELDER Born: 18/1/52

A tight-marking, hard tackling defender or defensive midfielder who joined the Cosmos in April from Bastia of the French First Division.

Made his NASL debut in Washington April 8 against the Diplomats, signed with Bastia in 1978 after playing since 1971 with Feyenoord of the Dutch First Division.

Played with the World All-stars against the Cosmos last August 30 at Giants Stadium.

Played right and centre back on the Dutch national team and as defensive midfielder with Bastia.

One of the assets he brought to the Cosmos was his versatility to play three defensive positions.

Has 30 "caps" to his credit, played for Holland in the 1974 World Cup final against West Germany, also played three games for Holland in the 1978 World Cup in Argentina before being injured.

Signed his first professional contract with Pec Zwollen of the Dutch Second Division at the age of 18, first played on the Dutch national junior team when he was 14. Was named for all the Dutch youth selections, began his soccer career as an amateur in his hometown of Leiden.

Married, citizen of Holland, was born in Leiden. Has a training (coaching) degree, works with handicapped children in Leiden, organising soccer programs for them.

ABDUL RAZAK

MIDFIELDER Born: 18/4/56

Signed with the Cosmos last May on loan from Asante Kotoko of Ghana. A pinpoint passer who possesses a lightning shot. Brought an impressive set of credentials from Ghana to the United States: best African Footballer of 1978 in a poll conducted by *France Football*, Ghana's Footballer of the Year for 1978. Captained Ghana for which he made more than 100 appearances in South America and Eastern Europe, led Ghana to the African Cup Championship in 1978.

PROFESSOR JULIO MAZZEI

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR

When Professor Mazzei was named Technical Director of the Cosmos last June, the Board of Directors expressed great confidence in him "because of his years of experience in soccer and the respect he enjoys throughout the soccer world, both on and off the field".

The Professor, the first Technical Director in the North American Soccer League, continues to perform his responsibilities as Executive Vice President of Soccer Camps of America in addition to his Cosmos duties. Mazzei works closely with Ray Klivacka, who coaches and trains the Cosmos under his supervision.

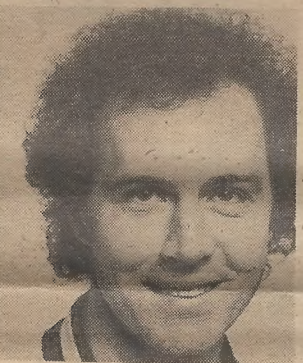
Professor Mazzei, Pele's long-time friend and advisor, has been involved in professional soccer for 18 years as a coach, lecturer and specialist in physical education. He came to the United States with Pele in 1975 when the now-retired star joined the Cosmos.

Mazzei broke into pro soccer in 1962 with the Palmeiras club of Sao Paulo. In 1965 he moved to the famed Santos Club of Brazil, where he began his association with Pele. The Professor, who also worked with the Brazilian national team, and Pele have conducted soccer clinics for coaches and children in 64 countries.

The author of nine books on physical education, Professor Mazzei has also consulted on several instructional films. He received his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Sao Paulo and holds a Master's Degree from Michigan State.

The Professor and his wife, Maria Helena, live in Scarsdale, N.Y. They have one son, Julio, and a daughter, Marjorie.

Professor Mazzei was born in Sao Paulo on October 27, 1930.



FRANZ BECKENBAUER

MIDFIELDER Born: 11/9/45
Franz Beckenbauer, one of the finest players in the history of soccer, proved time and time again last season that he thrives on dramatic, pressure-packed situations.

It would be hard to match the tribute he was accorded by 71,219 cheering fans who turned out at Giants Stadium on "Franz Beckenbauer Day" May 21. What more can be said about the man whose very presence on the field resulted in a regular-season attendance record?

Franz, who joined the Cosmos from Bayern Munich on May 25, 1977, was named the league's Most Valuable Player that year after being switched to what was a strange position for him — midfield. He had, after all, revolutionized the role of sweeper by giving it an offensive dimension.

Among his many other accomplishments, Franz captained West Germany to the 1974 World Cup and also starred in the 1966 and 1970 tournaments.

Including the 1978 NASL championship, teams he's been associated with in his 13 seasons of soccer have won 16 major titles — proving that he is, indeed a winner.



GIORGIO CHINAGLIA

STRIKER Born: 24/1/47

After the season Giorgio Chinaglia had in 1978, it was only appropriate that he should appear in ABC Sports' "Superstars".

What he had was the greatest scoring season in North American Soccer League history: 34 goals and 79 total points (which smashed the records of 30 and 69 set by Chicago's John Kowalik in 1968). And, when you take into account all the games the Cosmos played last year, Giorgio "lied" Babe Ruth by scoring 60 goals in 59 total games.

Giorgio who joined the Cosmos in May 1976 after his purchase from Lazio of Rome has led the Cosmos in scoring all three years with the team and has captured two NASL scoring titles.

He also won the Italian League scoring crown and led Lazio to the championship in 1973-74. He averaged a goal every other game in the low-scoring Italian League.



SANTIAGO FORMOSO

DEFENDER Born: 4/7/53

Santi, extremely swift of foot, specialises in overlapping attacks. He has excellent speed and technique.

He was acquired by the Cosmos from the Connecticut Bicentennials prior to the 1977 post-season tour. As a member of that Cosmos club, he played in the historic China games in Peking and Shanghai.

A member of the United States squad in the 1975 Pan-American Games. Santi was selected for the U.S. national team in 1976.

He played soccer at the University of Pennsylvania and was All-Ivy League in 1974.



DENNIS TUEART

FORWARD Born: 27/11/49

Dennis Tueart, NASL's "most valuable player" of the playoffs in 1978 for his six-goal performance, hopes the injuries that cut into his playing time in 1978 are now a thing of the past.

When Dennis is fit his quick feet and outstanding shots bring Cosmos fans to their feet time and time again.

Dennis, who signed a long-term contract with the Cosmos in February 1978, following his acquisition from Manchester City of the English First Division, wound up last year by either eight consecutive goals during one stretch of the playoffs.

During his career in England, Dennis scored 108 goals in 333 games with Manchester City and Sunderland.

He was purchased by Manchester City from Sunderland in 1974 for a club-record transfer fee of 275,000 pounds.

Dennis, who has made seven international appearances for England with a pair of goals, also scored the winning goal to give Manchester City the F.A. Cup over Newcastle at Wembley in 1976, his winning shot: a magnificent bicycle kick.

GODFREY INGRAM

FORWARD Born: 26/10/59

Signed with the Cosmos last June on loan from Luton Town of the English Second Division, considered to be an excellent prospect. Joined Luton Town at the age of 116, was elevated to Luton's first team the next year. Made three international appearances with the English National Youth Team, at 15 played for the England Schoolboys, helped lead Schoolboys to the unofficial European championship. Single, born in England, Jamaican parents.

Was a durable competitor in 1977, finishing third on the Cosmos in minutes played to Pele and Chinaglia. Played every minute of six playoff games that year and saw action in one playoff contest in 1978.

Often called on to be a Cosmos shootout participant. Scored his only NASL goal against St. Louis in 1977.

Was a teammate of Pele at Santos of Brazil, the club with which he began his career in 1970, played on Santos' 1973 championship squad, was recommended to the Cosmos by Pele.

Made numerous international appearances with Santos, played both mid-field and defense in 1977, but concentrated solely on defense in 1978.

Married, a citizen of Brazil, born in Santos.

TERRY GARBETT

MIDFIELDER Born: 9/9/45

Terry Garbett has already announced that the 1979 season will be his last as an active player. And when the popular Englishman winds up his career, he'll be missed.

The hard-working veteran, the Cosmos' best defensive midfielder, is a physical player who excels at breaking up an opponent's offensive thrusts.

But when he was in the lineup, Terry certainly made his presence felt. He was also a strong contributor to the Cosmos' drive to "Soccer Bowl '77" and has been an important member of the team each year since his purchase from Sheffield United of the English First Division in 1976.

GARY ETHERINGTON

FORWARD Born: 22/4/58

Gary Etherington, the North American Soccer League's "discovery" of the year for 1978, came into his own last season, thanks in large part to Dennis Tueart and Steve Hunt.

Or, rather, injuries to Dennis and Steve (plus a two-game Hunt suspension) that gave the likeable blond a opportunity for considerable playing time early in the season.

Gary, described by ex-coach Eddie Firmani as "the best American winger in the country", improved tremendously since 1977 largely because he learned how to pace himself.

A member of the PSRA All-North American First Team, Gary would be playing regularly on most other NASL teams...but with the Cosmos has Tueart and Seninho in front of him.



VLADISLAV BOGICEVIC

MIDFIELDER Born: 7/11/50

"Bogie is magic," said former Cosmos star Randy Horton after playing against talented Vladislav Bogicevic during the Cosmos' 1978 pre-season stint in Bermuda. And "Bogie" is definitely that.

One of the highly technical players in the game, Bogie has the size and skills to dominate the midfield. He was one of the premier players in Europe with Red Star of Yugoslavia before signing with the Cosmos early in 1978.

The father of a baby girl, Tanja, born in November, Bogie was selected an NASL Second Team All-Star for his play last year and was the Skoal/Happy Days Offensive Player of the Game at Seattle. He played 47 times for the Yugoslavian national team, including in the World Cup, where his biggest thrill in soccer was starting the opening game of the 1974 tournament as Yugoslavia tied defending champion Brazil 0-0.

He made 503 appearances for Red Star, leading that club to five Yugoslavian championships and four Yugoslavian Cup titles.



RICK DAVIS

MIDFIELDER Born: 24/11/58

One of the North American Soccer League's top young Americans, Rick Davis looms large in the Cosmos' scheme of things for the future.

Rick, who gained valuable experience on the Cosmos' South American tour, also played every minute of the game in the U.S. national team's September tour of Europe.

He saw action against the Soviet Union on the West Coast in February...and captained the U.S. Olympic "B" team that won the Bellinzona, Switzerland, Easter Tournament in March 1978.

A versatile performer who can play forward and defense in addition to midfield, Rick plays for the Cosmos under an amateur contract since he hopes (and actually rates as a lead-pipe cinch) to play for the U.S. Olympic team in 1980 at Moscow. He is also very interested in promoting the growth of soccer in the United States.

Rich, a member of the U.S. national youth team in 1976 is one of the finest players produced by the U.S. youth programs. According to U.S. national team coach Walt Chyzowych, "he possesses all the dimensions found in an outstanding player".



FRANCISCO CHAGAS MARINHO

DEFENDER Born: 8/2/52

An electrifying performer who turns crowds on with his speed and skill, Marinho is credited, along with Bretnier and Fachelletti, with being an innovator of the "total football" style of defense. That is, overlapping on offense and returning on defense.

Marinho signed with the Cosmos last December following his acquisition (negotiated by Pele) from Fluminense of Rio de Janeiro. Fluminense just happens to be the club with which Carlos Alberto began his pro career.

Marinho, with 150 goals for his career (an amazing total for a defender) possesses a bullet penalty shot and scored 25 goals to lead Fluminense in 1978.

A member of Brazil's 1974 World Cup team and the only Brazilian named to the all-tournament team. Marinho was taught by the great Nilton Santos after he joined Botafogo of Rio in 1972.

He played his first game for Brazil in 1973 against Sweden on a European tour and, all told, has made 48 international appearances for Brazil, scoring eight goals.

He was acquired by Fluminense from Botafogo in 1977 for three other national team members: Gil, Paulo Cesar and Rodrigues Neto.

NSW FIRST

Champions St. George failed to beat North Sydney and lost the first division Grand Final by a first half goal from Brad Mitchell at Francis Park on Sunday.

It was a lucky goal for Mitchell as he mis-kicked his intended fierce shot towards goal after drawing the goalkeeper out, and his feeble shot, as it turned out, just rolled slowly over the line into an unguarded net.

Despite this luck, North Sydney deserved the lead as they dominated the first half against a St. George side which was completely at sea trying to control the ball in a crossfield gale.

Goalkeeper Mitchel Wotton made two good saves particularly the one in the 24th minute stopping a fierce drive from NS striker Frank Leyden from 20 metres.

After the break the Saints put it together much better and 17-year-old goalkeeper Vic Lilli certainly saved Norths from a lot of trouble with some fabulous saves.

He made two top saves in the 52nd minute, first stopping a dangerous shot from Mick Dale and then he dived at the feet of Nigel Groome who would certainly have scored.

Only minutes later he again stopped a shot from Groome, right on the line

and another from Paul Kay.

It was not the Saints day. They had all three grades in the Grand Finals and didn't win one.

Their only hope left is that they can win their second grade final replay against Marconi.

For Norths, the only hurdle that will stop them from State League next season is the play-off against Wollongong this Sunday at Francis Park.

This should be a top game, for the winner will be assured of a definite place in the State League next year, irrespective of how much chopping and changing - which are bound to come - takes place in the NSW Federation.

ST. GEORGE: Wotton, M. O'Shea, Clarke, Skeen, Terry, Duarte (Davis 57), Dale, Kay, Groome, Barton, Fraser.

NORTH SYDNEY: Lilli, Walker, J. Bottalico, Falchi, Matheson, Henratty, Martinuzzi, (Richard 55), Mitchell, Leyden, A. Bottalico, O'Rourke.

Referee: T. Davies; Goal: Mitchell

Third Grade: St. George v Marconi 1-2
Second Grade: St. George v Marconi 2-2 (to be replayed Thursday).

GIRLS IN 1-1 DRAW

The Australian women's soccer team was lucky to draw 2-2 against New Zealand at Seymour Shaw last Saturday.

Coming from five different States the Australian girls demonstrated the difficulties of building a national team without adequate funds or time in a country as vast as ours.

National coach Jim Selby chose his squad during the recent national championships in Darwin.

Four players from Western Australia, three from South Australia, two from Victoria one from Queensland and six

from New South Wales comprised the squad.

The girls had played against one another but never before as a team, while the New Zealanders gave the impression they were a co-ordinated side and not a collection of individuals.

Sandra Brentnall, of Western Australia scored first and her goal was quickly followed by a skilful header by New Zealand captain Marylyn Marshall to make the score 1-1.

Shortly before half time Sharon Mateljan of Western Australia scored from a beautiful cross by Lee Wardell of NSW which for once eluded the Kiwi backs.

In the second half New Zealand scored early with a good goal by Nora Heatherington and Australia's tentative attacks were parried again and again by 16-year-old Rosi Ahwong.

South Australian Dianna Hall was unlucky when a sizzling shot from outside the box hit the crossbar, but Austria's lack of direction in midfield showed badly and it was only the excellent work from goalie Toni McMahon of NSW and the backs who saved the day.

The soccer played was fast, clean and occasionally brilliant and thoroughly enjoyed by the crowd of more than 900.

— V. Hokin.

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MONARO'S DEADLY DUO MAY WIN GRAND FINAL

Monaro, one of the success stories of the NSW Pepsi State League, could become outright sensations if they win the Grand Final on Sunday at the Sportsground.

They will meet Sutherland who in last week's Final continued to be the nemesis of champions Croatia.

Of all the teams seen in action in the series, Monaro have been the most impressive.

While their defence is only of average calibre, their midfield is extremely industrious and their attack quite brilliant.

The Giampaolo-Valeri

combination up front could tear apart many a PSL team's defence.

They are both excellent ball-players, swift and intelligent, with devastating finishing.

Sutherland will have a handful with this two as well as with Trajanoski or Heywood.

But you can't sell Sutherland short: they are probably the best Grand Final "specialists" and have hit top form at the right time.

With a wealth of talent in their ranks, such as Meades, Schumann, Beggs, Harrington and Hall as well as some experienced campaigners, they appear to be better balanced overall than Monaro.

Almost certainly, everything will hinge on the performance of Giampaolo and Valeri.

If these two cannot be contained, the trophy is likely to end up in Queanbeyan.

Popular striker Hector Martinez married recently and will honeymoon in his native Argentina. Hector was with Manly in 1978. This season he started off with St. George, then went to Yugal as part of the package deal which brought Tom Mihajlovic to the Saints.

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Frank Flockton, former president and secretary of Granville (now Parramatta) has been nominated to stand as an executive member of the NSW Soccer Federation. Apart from eight years in senior soccer management, he served with Castle Hill, Wentworth and St. Andrew Parramatta junior clubs. He was also a founder of the Parramatta-Granville Coaches' Association.

BEGGS ENDED CROATIA'S RUN

SUTHERLAND v CROATIA (2-0)

A brilliant Peter Beggs sank Croatia's chance of making the Grand Final.

He scored both goals to give Sutherland a fine win over the premiers.

The first came in the 17th minute when Beggs positioned himself perfectly to head home a corner by Mark Harrington into the corner of the net.

The second goal arrived in the 32nd minute when Beggs accepted a pass from Craig Hall to send in an unstoppable shot.

He was unlucky not to complete his hat-trick four minutes after the interval when a drive hit the upright with the goal-keeper well beaten.

Croatia tried hard to mark the elusive striker but on most occasions he was able to elude his cover and run into open spaces.

Croatia, who had won the premiership by six points, were only a shadow of the team which had only lost one of their 26 premiership matches and never at any stage looked likely to save the match.

Sutherland had complete charge of midfield for the greater part of the game with Bob Smith, Vic Dal Forno and Keith Schumann in fine form.

Sutherland were in trouble in the 22nd minute when Schumann lobbed the ball over his own goalkeeper's head and the ball bounced off the bar.

Croatia should have scored in the 41st minute when Marijan Kovacic shot over the bar in front of an open goal.

There were few in-form Croatia players, though Greg Smith played hard throughout.

This was the second year in succession that Croatia have won the premiership only to miss out on the championship, and it was also Sutherland who stopped them last year, though on that occasion it was in the Grand Final.

It was a great triumph for Sutherland who will now meet Inter-Monaro in the Grand Final.

Sutherland only got their place in the top four in the last premiership round of the season.

To add to Sutherland's delight, their second and third grade teams will also appear in their Grand Finals, the second grade playing Blacktown and the third against Manly.

SUTHERLAND: Craggs, Hesford, (Stoddart 82m), Wykes, R. Smith, Dal Forno, Schumann, Hall, Meades, Beggs, Basterfield, Harrington.

CROATIA: Watson, A. Kovacic, Mullen, Basic, G. Smith, Cagalj (Dudaric 61m), Sullivan, Savor Abonyi, M. Kovacic, Cootes (Jones 46).

Goals: 1-0 Beggs (17m); 2-0 Beggs 32m.

Referee: B. Wilkinson; Crowd: 3,330

— E. de Mesquita

MONARO v CROATIA 2-0

MONARO WERE TOO SMART AND FAST

Monaro swept Croatia off the park last week in their semifinal replay, showing a brand of football which is far too seldom seen in Sydney.

They played modern soccer, absorbing pressure and then hitting out with tremendous speed and accuracy.

Giampaolo and Valeri, accompanied by Trajanoski and Heywood, ripped Croatia's sluggish defence to smithereens while, for all their midfield "domination," Croatia couldn't manage much against the Noble-led defence at the other end.

In the 16th minute a quick move on the right flank saw Trajanoski flick the ball over his head and into the path of the steaming Valeri who controlled the ball easily and then rolled it effortlessly past Watson from 15 metres.

Giampaolo was beginning to warm to his task and after half an hour created several good chances.

Croatia tried desperately to forge a way through the Monaro defence after the interval—but a second blow meant a knock-out.

After a quick break by Monaro in the 49th minute, Giampaolo received the ball on the left.

He took on his defender, dashed into the box and rifled a cheeky, vicious shot into the near corner for 2-0.

Croatia's attack was void of ideas and weak in front of goal.

Cootes wasted at least three golden opportunities to shoot his team back into the picture while Savor and Cagalj shot hurriedly in the

goalmouth.

Monaro could have doubled, even trebled the score in the last 20 minutes as their swift counter-attacks caught Croatia with their guards down but over-confidence was their downfall as both Giampaolo and Valeri each missed twice.

Even when Aldo Charles was sent off for a deliberate handling, Croatia's pressure remained abortive.

It was a piece of good fortune for Giampaolo and Valeri that national coach Rudi Gutendorf was at the game, having returned from Europe the same day.

Both these brilliant likely lads deeply impressed Gutendorf and should be in his good books from now on.

Equally happy were the APLA officials at the match: they have all but signed Giampaolo and Valeri for 1980.

With them, at their old Lambert Park den, they could start their recovery especially if the ASF relents, as it should, and doesn't insist on a name change which APLA had originally agreed to but would like to postpone.

Monaro: Palec, Crawford, Charles, Noble, Santolin, Falzon, Bourke, Morsello, (O'Neil 34m), Giampaolo, Valeri, Trajanoski (Heywood 79m).

CROATIA: Watson, A. Kovacic, Mullen, Basic, Smith, Cagalj, Sullivan, Savor, Abonyi, M. Kovacic, Cootes.

Referee: P. Rampley; Crowd: 2,057. Sent off: Charles.



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PSL CLUBS REVIEWED

CANBERRA NEEDS SUCCESS TO BUILD ON

—By Peter Kunz

Canberra City's third year in PSL competition has been completed: the team finished 12th, one better than in the previous two seasons and just one tiny notch above relegation.

The crowd attendance figures were down some 12,000 on 1978. People are attracted to watch a home team if there is a good possibility of a home win.

In fact, Canberra won only two league matches at home, the first being the inaugural game of the season against Marconi and the second, almost exactly four months later, against South Melbourne.

This, of course, is too long a time between convivial post-match drinks for the good of both spectators' morale and local interest.

The team played better away from home which, in a way, was pleasing but one couldn't help but feel that many times Canberra at home was playing tentatively in front of its own frustrated fans, toiling earnestly but fruitlessly, like a frightened schoolboy doing arithmetic under the eyes of a demanding schoolmaster.

This tangible tension between the terrace and the field was highlighted by what can only be described as cruel and senseless booing of veteran defender John Brown in the last few matches of the season.

His errors, no doubt, paved the way for more than one opposition victory; one does not need a doctorate in psychology to realise that such petulant reaction by 'supporters' can have a soul-destroying effect on any player.

The introduction of Ian Callaghan into the team almost midway into the season and then his abrupt exit only exacerbated the lack of cohesion and faith which was enveloping the team.

Callaghan was a good player, possessed of an almost unmatched ability to make space and pass precisely in a split second.

However, his fine passes were often propelled sweetly wingwards to Canberra's non-existent equivalent to a Steve Heighway or Jimmy Case or played up front to one of a duo of heavily guarded strikers who consequently made heavy work of their limited opportunities.

Callaghan's play was an indictment of Canberra's wingless and defensive style, serving to illustrate the lack of passing into space and over-abundance of balls played to marked men.

This latter style of play, though fraught with difficulties, was quite successful before Callaghan's arrival when players such as John Davies, Terry Byrne and later Don MacLachlan, adept at turning swiftly and drib-

bling well while closely marked, were playing confidently.

With Callaghan becoming the engine-room directing play, the clash of styles with his fellow players ultimately became obvious and was detrimental to the match performances.

Players recruited to the Canberra ranks were a mixed bag.

On the debit side one has to name Bailey, Smith, Talewski, Williams and Callaghan while the pluses included Farrell, MacLachlan and Hoszowski.

Canberra has still to find a bustling, athletic goal-scorer in the shape of a Jankovics, Brennan, Kelso or Cole.

Players of this type are at a premium in Australia.

However, with the name of

Canberra City becoming synonymous with valiant struggle, so is the prestige of this brave and ambitious club.

There has been criticism, mainly by club directors and some supporters, of the seeming penchant of pressmen to brood over the shortcomings of Canberra's season.

Surely such introspection, shared also by the majority of supporters and the casually interested ('what's happening to Canberra City?') bystanders is basically healthy.

Such consternation, so widespread, is the rather frank if not brusque outward manifestation of a city and a people who care deeply about the code of soccer and the fortunes of its premier team.

WESTAD FELL FROM TOP

—By Allan Crisp

Lady Luck, after smiling benevolently upon West Adelaide last year, turned her fickle back on the 1978 champions this season.

Westad plunged from the dizzy heights of the No.1 spot to the depths of the middle of the table, which was the same unfashionable place they had finished in 1977.

Westad slugged their way to the title last year without the aid of the new era bonus points system.

But the Westad players are the first to admit that they had their share of good fortune last year.

The go-for-broke team were remarkably free of injury until the start of the Top Four play-off series, but by then the Philips championship was safely resting in their trophy case at their North Terrace clubrooms.

This year it all turned sour and it seemed that Westad were suffering from a massive championship hangover.

Westad began and ended their 1979 defence of their title under former Irish World Cup player Tom Forde, who succeeded Jim Adam.

The old magic was obviously still working when Westad started the new year by winning the SA Ampol Cup.

Forde, a renowned motivator, had an outstanding pre-PSL track record, having steered WA Hellas to an imposing series of SA Federation title and Cup successes.

Forde used the series to test promising youngsters and to run several of his senior

players into form for the PSL season.

New signing from Polonia, Garie Dooley was one of the players tried and when the big league began Westad had considerably strengthened their resources by signing John Kosmina from Arsenal.

Forde and Westad are too proud to offer excuses for their failure this year, but the reasons are plain.

No team, no matter how dedicated or talented, could afford to suffer the crippling injuries which befell Westad.

Captain Neil McGachey broke his leg in two places on Anzac Day, an injury which head trainer Howard Wells described as the worst he had encountered in a life-time of treating players.

Westad's ill-fortune continued with serious injuries to Vic Bozanic, Barry Reynolds, David Pillans and Gordon McCulloch.

Former Greek international Con Kambas also missed several games through injury and was ousted for three games by suspension.

games by suspension.

The injuries brought positional changes on a weekly basis and resultant problems in maintaining cohesion.

Graham Honeyman, who had been asked to play in a variety of positions throughout the year, highlighted the predicament before Westad's final match with Brisbane City when he pulled on the goalkeeper's jumper....

"I suppose I'll play in goal today, won't I," asked Honeyman.

"After all, it's the only place I haven't played in this year."

Peter Boyle again enjoyed a great season, which he capped by winning "The Advertiser" \$1,000 Golden Boots award as the best Adelaide player in the Philips League.

Westad's plans and those of manager-coach Forde for next season are clouded.

A recent match program report linked Westad with top English coach Les Shannon, who has been coaching in Greece for several years.

But there has been no confirmation from Westad officials regarding these reported "secret negotiations" with Shannon.

The club's midfield dynamo Boyle is confident that Westad can recapture past glories.

"We have had a disappointing year, but we have the players who are capable of pulling us back to the top," Boyle said.

Olympic's future under black cloud

The ASF's decision to keep Sydney Olympic relegated from the Philips League has stunned almost everybody. It certainly has greatly surprised me, too.

—By Andrew Dettre—

The promotion of Blacktown was even a bigger shock, if this is possible.

Let me make it clear once again: in principle—and in practice—I am fully for promotion and relegation. It is the lifeblood of soccer, as we know it in this country.

But I am not sure the decision was reached properly.

South Melbourne—which finished last—were saved on the argument that they were the "best" of the three Victorian applicants, the others being Juventus and Preston Makedonia.

Obviously, the same yardstick didn't apply to Olympic.

So the second last team is relegated and the third from the State League is promoted.....

Despite all the well known shortcomings and problems of Olympic, they do look a safer bet than any of the other aspirants.

Croatia, we understand, were bypassed on two counts: their new home at Edensor Park is too close to Marconi's and the club has no intention of changing its name.

If one looked at the short-term prospects, Olympic and Croatia BOTH should be in the PSL.

But there is no denying that over the longer term the future does belong to the Blacktowns, Wollongongs and Parramattas.

From what we have heard, the League Committee did recommend the retention of Olympic.

I understand the voting went like this: Olympic 5, Wollongong 4 and Croatia 1—with none for Blacktown and Monaro.

The fact that the ASF executive totally disregarded this recommendation shows just what little power the League Committee really has; not to mention the almost total lack of power in the hands of the 14 PSL clubs.

Blacktown City, undoubtedly a progressive club, deserve their chance in the PSL.

They have their own ground, clubhouse, fair administration and tremendous potential in a part of Sydney which could be exploited.

But they have an awful lot of work and headache ahead of them if they don't want to become another Western Suburbs.

Potential is no longer enough: it has to be brought to the surface.

Just to build their team to the most modest PSL standard—say Mooroolbark of 1977—will cost them tens of thousands.

Meanwhile, Olympic's future is uncertain.

They may accept relegation quietly, go into the Pepsi

State League and rebuild for a return in a year or two.

There is no denying that Olympic have been slipping towards this sort of a crisis for some time.

Or they may disband; some committee members are gloomy enough to advocate this drastic course.

There is also a slim chance that the ASF decision will be reversed or modified.

The PSL will hold another meeting next week and may decide to take up Olympic's case with the ASF, as the 14 clubs have some kind of moral obligation to do.

After all, we know from several sources, that the PSL clubs did have a clear-cut verbal agreement not to allow any of their brethren be dropped at the end of 1979.

Of course, such deals have dubious value; Sydney soccer has seen much fancier doublecrosses over the years.

There is also a chance that the PSL may be increased to 16 teams in 1980, retaining Olym-

pic and perhaps adding another team.

National coach Rudi Gutendorf would dearly like to have the Young Socceroos entered as a team in 1980, giving them constant weekly exposure before the 1981 World Youth Cup.

Whether such a revolutionary scheme will find support among the conservatives of the ASF is problematical.

If Olympic play in the State League next season, the NSW Federation must be regarded as the greatest and most immediate beneficiary of the Olympic—Blacktown transplant.

With Croatia, Melita and Olympic, they would have three potentially well-drawing clubs in their ranks, certainly more than the Sydney-based PSL contingent has.

Who knows, the day may come when some PSL clubs will plot and scheme to get into the NSW State League...

NEW IDEAS FOR KIDS

Two former English soccer professionals have a revolutionary program designed to promote the code through the junior ranks.

Ex-Arsenal Roy Pack and Roger Hoy who helped Tottenham Hotspurs win a European Cup, have combined their vast experience and talent in a venture with a sparkling new approach.

With their new soccer coaching clinics for children, Hoy and Pack hope to add a breath of fresh air to the rather stagnant conventional methods being used to promote the game in Australia.

"We believe that Australia is not yet ready for conventional promotion" explained Pack.

"This country needs something a little out of the ordinary to induce a better awareness of the game among the kids and their parents. And our clinics will be just that - very different."

Through them we hope to educate the parents and, in fact, enlist their aid in the promotion of junior soccer."

The duo describe their clinics as a travelling soccer side show.

Their special effects include football fun games soccer target and soccer skittles.

Hoy, the former Gold Coast City State League coach, invited Pack to the Coast to assist him with his own clinic which he was conducting in conjunction with the National Fitness Council.

Initially the visit was an exchange arrangement; Hoy

was to return to Sydney with Pack for a week, but the Englishmen have now decided to combine forces and set up a remodelled clinic.

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VICTORIA'S NEW ERA

A new era will come to Victorian soccer within the next two years, according to Mike Weinstein, chairman of the Victorian Soccer Federation.

"Firstly, the Australian Rules social clubs are gradually coming to the realisation that certain unprofitability faces them unless they also accommodate other sports," he said this week.

"It hardly matters whether we are talking about soccer, hockey or anything else."

"Without the poker machine revenue available in NSW, the only chance is to combine various sports under one umbrella and set up a profitable club for all concerned."

"Secondly, there will be a blending of soccer clubs into bigger, more appealing affairs."

"St.Kilda is a good example."

"There are thousands of potential fans in the place but only one group plays as St.Kilda."

"Club will have to find a more widespread appeal. Over the next two or three years, this will become inevitable."

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SIR ARTHUR TO EUROPE

Whilst the flak whistles around Sydney and Wollongong over the dropping of Sydney Olympic and the failure to elect Wollongong, ASF president Sir Arthur George will be in Zurich for a series of meetings.

He was invited to attend the meeting of the FIFA executive, and there is the possibility that Oceania may become a permanent member.

In addition, he will be involved in the deliberations of both the World Cup and the World Youth Tournament committees.

Negotiations will take place with Coca-Cola to finalise the sponsorship for the Youth Tournament to be held here in 1981.

In London Sir Arthur will discuss the England team's match in Sydney on June 1, 1980.

Discussions have taken place in Sydney last week during which Football League's Director-General Alan Hardaker gave his support for the fixture.

Also in London there will be important talks which are designed to bring in the support of English television interests for the move to



Sir Arthur George.

provide adequate local TV cover for soccer in Australia.

"Under FIFA regulations it is possible for a national Federation to stop televising of games in its own country, which would involve the English programmes.

"This could be applied in Australia, but before it happens we would want to explore the proper televising of our own major matches with the co-operation of both the English interests and the Australian networks," he said.

PHILIPS LEAGUE

SUNDAY'S LOSER CAN SAY GOODBYE

Sunday's round in the Philips Top Four will bring together the two winners and the two losers of last weekend.

The Olympic Park clash in Melbourne will now assume the proportions of a sudden death confrontation: the loser, with two defeats in their bag, will be out of the running.

Sydney City must know this and they will no doubt raise

their game accordingly.

Heidelberg last Sunday gave the impression of mental fatigue; their coach, Manny Poulakakis feels that the efforts of the last 10 weeks or so which swept them to second spot in the PSL might have blunted their sharpness.

The ability is all there, of course, and it's unlikely that Yzendoorn, Rooney, Taylor and

Buljevic will give yet another dull, colorless performance.

Sydney City have lost their goal-touch but with the likely return of Terry Smith into the fray, this may change.

At Perry Park, the supremely confident and powerful Brisbane City will not be overawed by the visiting Marconi.

They will certainly pay a lot of attention to the Marconi speed-

sters — but they would do well to keep Henderson at bay, too.

Marconi, of course, have proved this season that they are our top PSL team and are entitled to favoritism.

But they can't afford to treat Brisbane City with anything but the highest respect.

The winner of this clash, with four points, can feel safely in the Grand Final.

HENDERSON TO THE RESCUE

Marconi finally defeated their 'jinx' team Heidelberg, mainly through a superb game from Tony Henderson, at last playing like he should.

By no means was it a clear-cut victory for the Sydney team until the last twenty minutes or so.

In fact, in the first half Heidelberg again threatened to contain Marconi when they recovered from the set back of an early goal to hold sway over the match.

However, mysteriously, their players wilted in the second period, began to look jaded and, for all his powerful and aggressive running, Cole, without ammunition was no threat.

The match opened sensationally when a fine pass

from Henderson split the United defence, allowing Sharne and Jankovics to work a move into the box.

Just as Jankovics was about to shoot from point blank range, Rooney swept his legs away and Ken Allen had no hesitation in awarding a spot kick.

Byrne put it away nicely and after barely one minute Marconi was up 1-0.

We soon saw it would not be all Marconi, with Cole showing he was in no mood to respect Marconi's defence or reputation.

In the 22nd minute he took on four Marconi players before calling on Maher to make an excellent finger tip save around the post.

Heidelberg were definitely still in the match, and in the

25th minute they were level and looking good.

A free kick on the left eventually found Tansey who sweetly lifted it over a hesitant line of defenders for Cole to race through and nearly take the netting off the goalposts with a shot from 12 metres.

Heidelberg were playing their usual brand of sit-and-wait football, keeping possession at the back and then sending Cole, Buljevic and Paton away on fast breaks.

However, their back line which was so safe a few weeks ago, was showing signs of nerves and a degree of dis-organisation.

Players covering for their defenders continually made mistakes when trying complicated moves rather than safe passes out of defence.

Before half time Taylor gave a gift ball to Jankovics who then hesitated far too long allowing Bannon to clear the danger.

After the break Heidelberg looked good for a 10-minute spell, with Cole heading inches wide after a glorious attack, then they collapsed.

It was not so much the pressure of Marconi, but rather as if the players no longer had the energy to continue the fight.

Even so, it took Marconi a while to capitalise on this malaise.

Jankovics missed at least four 'certain' goals, and after the last - hitting the post from four metres after a Sharne cross - he really looked as if he was pleading with the earth to swallow him up.

Luckily such drastic action was not needed, for Henderson saved the day for both Jankovics and Marconi.

After collecting a centre from Sharne on the edge of the area, he side stepped one tackle, turned the other way and then sent a perfect left foot shot into the net off the left hand post.

Henderson was by far the best Marconi player while Byrne, Lindsay and Sharne all played well.

For Heidelberg Cole stood out in the first half, while goalie Yacka Banovic made some superb saves, none the least a 'Banks' save from a 'Jankovics' header which he plucked from under the cross bar.

Referee, Ken Allen's authority was stamped on the game from the first whistle and refereed with a calmness many referees could do well to copy.

MARCONI: Maher, Brogan, Salvage, Russell, Prskalo, Henderson, Byrne, Lindsay, Jankovics, Krncevic, Sharne. Coach: L. Scheinflug.

HEIDELBERG: Banovic, McMillan, Tansey, Yzendoorn, Bannon, Rooney, Taylor, (Seleznides 73m), Campbell, Cole, Paton, Buljevic. Coach: M. Poulakakis.

Goals: 1-0 Byrne (1m, pen), 1-1 Cole (25m), 2-1 Henderson (68m).

Referee: K. Allen (Canberra); **Crowd:** 6523.

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CAMPBELL'S TWO GOALS DECISIVE

Brisbane City secured a dream start to the Philips League Top Four series with a well deserved 2-0 victory over Sydney City, in a match in which the home side never really lost control.

City overcame the loss of Potter with Coyne continuing to sweep well, proving again his versatility.

The midfield of Echeverria, Pimblett and Gaffney combined sufficiently well enough to have the measure of the Sydney City trio, with only the tireless Stevenson emerging as a possible threat.

City's defence was able to cut out danger men Silva and Watson with strong performances from fullbacks Perry and Wilkinson and Sydney's central striker Mark Trenter was given little leeway by the Coyne-Ratcliffe duo.

But the big difference was provided up front by Brisbane City, with the bustling Campbell contributing another 90-minute effort, to snatch the two vital goals. He could well have had another towards the end when Sydney City, pressing forward, naturally were caught out at the back.

Coach Gerry Chaldi surprisingly decided on the substitution of a defensive player, Kershaw, with Thomson, and did not give Terry Smith a run until 10 minutes from the end when it was all over.

Campbell this time had a great support from a vastly improved Kelso, the rangy striker was almost back to his best, with several paralysing bursts down the left, and it was his interception in the 63rd minute and square ball which gave Campbell his second goal.

The big fellow produced the first just after halftime, when somehow he slipped in

behind the defence to turn home a cross from skipper Perry. Only seconds before, the writing had been on the wall, when Clarke had to brilliantly block successive shots from Echeverria and Low.

Brisbane City also took the first half honours, just missing with three clear cut chances. Kelso poked one inches wide after breaking away from the halfway line in pursuit of a Pimblett long ball.

Kershaw cleared a dangerous Perry shot off the goal line and later did the same trick in the second half, so it seems those contributions were forgotten when he made way for Thomson.

In the final analysis, City could well have finished with a three or four goal margin and the victory, again largely unpredicted in the south, will give them great hope for the coming clash here this weekend against Marconi.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart, Perry, Coyne, Ratcliffe, Wilkinson, Pimblett (Caldwell 69m), Echeverria, Gaffney, Low, Campbell, Kelso. Coach: N. Saftich.

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke, Mullen, Kershaw, (Thomson 68m), O'Connor, Souness, Stevenson, Barnes (Smith 80m), Campbell, Watson, Trenter, Silva. Coach: G. Chaldi.

Goals: 1-0 Campbell (48m), 2-0 Campbell (63m).

Referee: J. Reeves; **Crowd:** 3200; **Cautions:** Wilkinson, Echeverria, Souness.

— Bruce Waddell.

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RUDI NO MORE A NICE GUY...

With the Cosmos match coming up, followed by a seven-match tour of China and Korea and then a December tourney in Noumea — this with the Young Socceroos — Gutendorf will go after results.

"I have listened to just about everybody so far, accepting advice and suggestions, as I had to become familiar with the scene," he said this week.

"I also accepted more official interference and restrictions on my operation than is my practice.

"This will now stop. I will have to be absolutely uncompromising and tough to get the results the public wants — and I want.

"I will not tolerate any player stepping out of line by half an inch; I think they should understand this."

Gutendorf's first encounter will be the October 24 Sydney match against Cosmos.

After that, the team is off on tour.

The ASF decided on a seven-match tour of China and South Korea for the Socceroos as part of their series World Cup build up.

The game against the Philippines was dropped as it would do little to help the preparations.

Five games will be played in China and two in Korea.



Rudi Gutendorf.

In December, the Young Socceroos will travel to Noumea for an Oceania tournament against New Zealand, Tahiti, New Caledonia, Fiji and Papua-New Guinea.

Contrary to reports, Gutendorf has not yet selected his squads; for the Cosmos match he is likely to call on about 20 players.

They will go into camp on October 18 and train twice a day at Sydney University.

These are the players now in the running for the squad places:

Goalies: Woodhouse, Crook, Fraser.

Defenders: Perry, Russell (Adel City), Tansey, Muir, Ratcliffe, Prskalo, Bertogna.

Midfielders: Henderson, Coyne, Senkalski, J. Nyskohus, Rooney, Boden, Krncevic, Boyle, Picloane, Echeverria.

Strikers: Sharne, Cole, Jankovics, O'Connor, Cumming, Giampaolo.

"I have decided to add experience to the squad as the youngsters will need steadiness," he said.

"This is the reason why I am considering Tansey, Prskalo and Rooney.

"I am sorry I have lost Baxter, who has gone back to Europe and is playing in the Swedish first division.

"It's also a blow that I cannot use Souness who is returning to Britain for at least four months, perhaps longer.

"Bozanic was injured for a long time while Kosmina hasn't shown any form at all.

"I am not happy with either Degney or Mullen; Degney's tackling is faulty while Mullen is effective only when moving up."



Phil O'Connor, Saints

The dearest the oldest

Reader John Withercombe of Carina, Brisbane, has supplied some interesting statistics on transfer fees in Australia.

He says he has researched them as closely as possible.

1. Record transfer fee from an overseas club to Australia: Rosario Rampanti, ex-Bologna to APIA for \$40,000 plus \$10,000 option for '80 (not taken up by APIA.)

2. John Kosmina, in 1979, Arsenal to West Adelaide, \$45,000.

3. From Australia to overseas: in 1978 John Kosmina, ex-Adelaide Polonia to Arsenal for \$42,500.

4. Adrian Alston, Safeway United, to Luton Town, \$25,000 in 1974.

5. Jim Hermiston, Grange Thistle to Brisbane Lions, \$30,000.

6. Peter Laumets, Preston to South Melbourne, \$15,000.

7. Yakka Banovic, Preston Essendon to Heidelberg, \$12,000 and exchange of Peter Blasby.

Of the oldest and youngest PSL players, Withercombe considers the probable pairings to be:

1977: Vic Fernandez and Peter Raskopoulos;

1978: Bobby Charlton and Paul Kay or Socrates Nicolaides

1979: Jack Reilly and Charlie Villani or Chris Kyriakouleas.

Canberra

The Canberra City reserve teams have just completed a successful season.

The Canberra City Roos, coached by Petar Vidovic came third in the local league and reached three local finals.

They were defeated by Downer Olympics in the Federation Cup final and by Croatia Deakin in the local Ampol Cup final while defeating Queanbeyan Macedonia in the Autumn Shield final.

The results are pleasing when one considers that the Roos side is composed of mostly teenage players who throughout the season have competed against older and more experienced sides.

The Canberra City third team, the Wallabies which compete in the under 19 competition became the first Canberra City team to win a trophy when they defeated Croatia Deakin in the Finals.

The Wallabies are coached by John Doyle a former Roos player.

Doyle, a young coach whose perceptive match analyses and logical approach to the game and footballing development augur well for his future in soccer, will be using his extensive summer holidays to tour Europe studying tactics and viewing matches.

The high school maths teacher will doubtless return with knowledge which should multiply his chances of further success in the coming season.

Bruce Stadium, the home ground of Canberra City is to be floodlit. This was announced by the patron of Canberra City, Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser at a recent club ball.

The floodlighting costing about \$700,000 will be suitable for color television and may be installed by late January when the touring Czechoslovak national team is expected to play against Australia under lights.

The match is to be the highlight of a week long program of Olympic trials to be held at Bruce Stadium.

— P. Kunz

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Lee wins Rothmans

John Lee of Bankstown won the NSW Rothmans Award this week.

A former Celtic Glasgow reserve, he played in Salisbury, Rhodesia, before coming to Australia.

The other placings were:

2. John MacDonald (Auburn)
3. Walter Valeri (Monaro)
4. David Jack (Manly)
5. Don Allan (Melita)
6. Attila Abonyi (Croatia)

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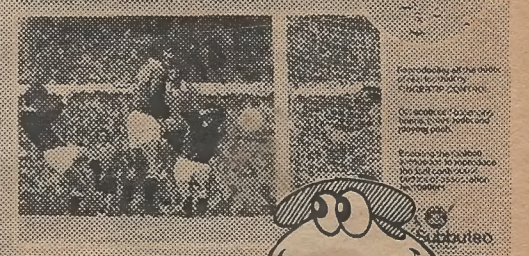
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New York Cosmos is the biggest drawing card in North American soccer history.

In the past two years, Cosmos has recorded:

- largest attendance at a regular North American Soccer League game (v Tampa Bay Rowdies at the Giants Stadium, The Meadowlands, East Rutherford, New Jersey) - 62,394
- largest attendance at a championship play-off game (v Fort Lauderdale Strikers at Giants Stadium) - 77,691
- largest attendance at an international game (v the crack Brazilian club side, Santos, at Giants Stadium) - 75,641
- largest U.S. soccer crowd (v Fort Lauderdale Strikers at Giants Stadium) - 77,691
- largest total attendance by one NASL club in one season - 443,847 for 13 games, 806,506 for 21 games and 1,090,093 for 23 games
- largest average attendances for one club in one season - 34,142 for 13 games (NASL) 47,395 for 23 games

Those people went to the Giant's Stadium to see first Pele, then Franz Beckenbauer, Carlos Alberto, Giorgio Chinaglia, Vladislav Bogicevic, Dennis Tueart, Johan Neeskens, Wim Rijsbergen, Marinho, Seninho and Andrikan Eskandarian.

Players like these plus the presentation and promotion by Cosmos franchise holders, Warner Communications Inc., have made the team into big business - and big show business at that.

But it was not always so. When Warner Communications bought the North American Soccer League franchise in 1970, New York had been without a team for two years.

The last team in the city, the Generals, had gone broke. The same fate was predicted for the Cosmos team, launched by Warners in the northern spring of 1971.

Home games were played at the Yankee Stadium, and the mainstays of the team were relatively unheard of Americans, with former English Football League player Gordon Bradley as player-coach.

General's manager was a former British sports writer Clive Toye.

But attendances were poor and the club struggled. Attendances were no better the next year, with Cosmos playing its home games at Hofstra University at Hempstead, Long Island, 30 minutes from New York city.

But the team did better, winning the NASL championship.

Only a handful of loyal followers saw the final match with St. Louis Stars, and there was no TV coverage.

Despite winning the title, Cosmos could attract no more spectators to Hofstra in 1973, and in 1974 they moved much nearer the city to Downing Stadium, Randall's Island, right across the East River from Manhattan.



The Giants Stadium of Cosmos in New Jersey

But it was difficult to get to, and uncomfortable when you got there, and in 1974 Cosmos had the worst year in their history, winning four games out of 18.

Warner Communications' top executives decided on a complete overhaul of the team, starting with signing - in the words of Warner's chairman Steve Ross - "the world's greatest soccer superstar".

So Warner's went after Pele, who had officially retired, and with the help of the U.S. State Department, especially Henry Kissinger and Senator Jacob Javits, and the Brazilian government on June 10, 1975 they signed him on a three year contract for nearly \$5 million.

Despite the huge fee, there was an attraction greater than money for Pele in the USA - the challenge to make soccer as popular there as it was in the rest of the world.

Pele's personality and conduct and his evident enthusiasm for the game, as much as his extraordinary skill, won people over to soccer from the moment he first played for Cosmos.

It started with the kids, who were intrigued by his reputation and excited by his skill. The kids became fans and dragged their parents along.

In the first game he played, the Downing Stadium was sold out, packed with 18,000 fans, three times the attendance at the previous home game two weeks earlier.

In Seattle, Pele's presence in the Cosmos team drew

58,000, in Tampa 58,000 turned up to see him in an exhibition game and 42,000 at an NASL match, in Minneapolis he drew 52,000.

The success of acquiring Pele sent Cosmos out to sign more stars, and by the beginning of the 1976 season, the line-up included Tony Field, Terry Garbett, Bob Smith, Nelsi Morais and Ramon Mifflin. During the season Cosmos obtained Shep Messing and - best of all - Chinaglia.

They made the championship play-offs, but were eliminated by Tampa Bay Rowdies who had former Australian Soccerroo Adrian Alston leading the attack.

But attendances for the season were more than 200,000, which would have been a respectable figure for baseball, let alone soccer.

Cosmos moved to the brand new Giants Stadium at The Meadowlands in East Rutherford, New Jersey, for the start of the 1977 season.

It was built for soccer and grid-iron, with unrestricted sightlines from every one of the 76,891 seats, all-weather artificial turf, adequate parking, and superb spectator amenities and facilities.

Warner's went out and strengthened the team. They got Steve Hunt from Aston

Villa in England, and Gary Etherington, an English-born American described as "the best American winger in the NASL".

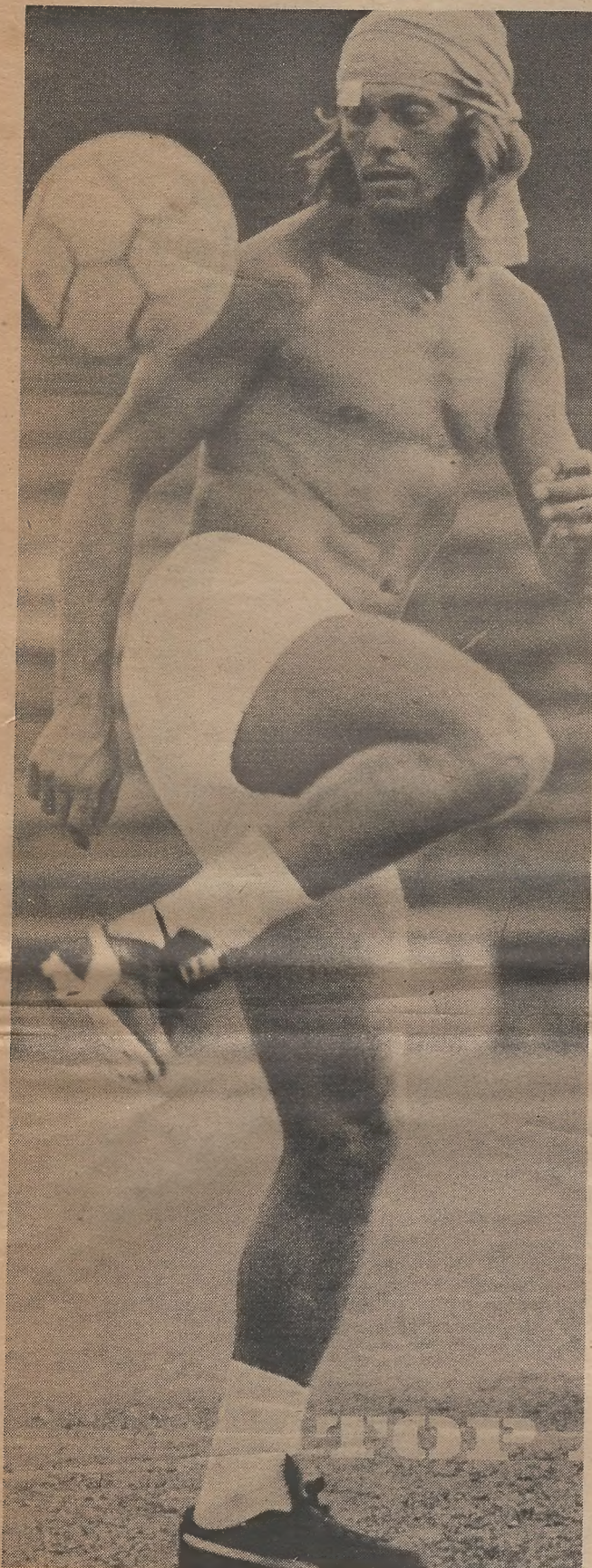
Then they rocked the soccer world by signing the man who rivalled Pele as the greatest of them all - West Germany's World Cup soccer captain Franz Beckenbauer - European Player of the Year in 1976.

Later in the season they added to the team a former Brazilian World Cup captain, Carlos Alberto. Cosmos now had a team of all the soccer talents.

Having won the title in 1977 to make the year of Pele's retirement, Cosmos signed four new world-class players for 1978 in a bid to retain their championship.

They signed Dennis Tueart from Manchester City, Bogicevic from Red Star Belgrade, Pino Wilson from Lazio of Rome, and Seninho from the Portuguese champions, Oporto.

The club's affairs are run from offices in New York's Rockefeller Plaza, by a staff of more than 60 executives, sales, office and promotions and team management people with the team, now directed by Technical Director, Professor Julio Mazzei.



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Carlos Alberto, Brazil's captain at the 1970 World Cup, celebrating his goal in the final, a 4-1 victory over Italy.



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There are many great players but only one Beckenbauer...

I regard Franz Beckenbauer as the greatest soccer player of the last 13 years or so, certainly the greatest since 1966.

I know this flat statement will be hotly disputed by some of our readers, yet I place him above all the others I have seen in this period: Charlton, Best, Pele, Cruyff, Rivera and all the stars of the 1978 World Cup.

His overall influence on the shape of the game has been enormous: he has carved out, with the inspiration of a Rodin, a completely new role and position in modern soccer, that of the mobile, attacking sweeper.

I have been lucky to see him in action on a number of occasions; all are cherished memories of my football life.

The very first encounter left a deep and indelible impression on me.

West Germany was playing Switzerland in Sheffield during the 1966 World Cup finals, the very same Swiss who, for many decades, had always done extremely well against their neighbours.

But not this time. Beckenbauer, a boyish, tall youngster with a clean face and short-cropped hair, was hardly known before the series; the much talked about stars were Seeler, Overath, Haller, Held and perhaps Tilkowski.

Then, dramatically, Beckenbauer wrote his own scenario in a match the Germans won 5-0.

From the orthodox right half position he glided and surged, prompted and tackled, then found time to score two magnificent goals and lay on a third for Haller.

Wrote later Alan Williams in the London Daily Express: men—broke through with such flamboyance and authority that suggests even tougher defences are in for a harassing time."

Said Alan Thompson next day, also in the Express:

"In the 52nd minute the brilliant Beckenbauer came charging into the attack again with a brilliant solo, during which he took on and beat three men before sidefooting the ball past Elsener (the Swiss goalie). I 'Beckenbauer's craftsmanship in midfield was an eye-opener,' commented Byron Butler in the London Daily Telegraph.

After the match, in the press room, a footballing tower of Babel at every World Cup, we all talked about the match—but I raved about Beckenbauer.



Giorgio Chinaglia, top scorer of Cosmos.

Some of the more blase European colleagues tried to cool my ardour.

"Yes, he's not bad by half," one said, "but against the Swiss..."

But Beckenbauer kept improving further during the Cup series and was largely instrumental in getting his team into the final against England.

And there, manager Helmut Schoen, committed the blunder of his life: he shackled Beckenbauer's natural flair by ordering him to escort and harass Bobby Charlton throughout the game.

Sure, Charlton had only an average match and didn't get a goal—but with Beckenbauer reduced to a policeman's mundane job, Germany's sharpness was blunted.

It took me six long years to see him again in action, this time for Bayern Munchen in a German Cup match against local rivals 1860 Munchen.

This was a few days before the start of the 1972 Olympics which I covered for the Daily Telegraph.

I went to the match, at the old Bayern ground, with a colleague from Budapest just to see two of Europe's greatest stars, Beckenbauer and Gerd Mueller.

We decided to concentrate all our attention on these two: I was to jot down every move Beckenbauer made while he was to follow Mueller.

When the game ended, we were invited, together with a group of referees there for the Olympics, to the Bayern clubhouse for a drink. We sat down and began to only one bad pass and lost only one tackle. Yet he was in the thick of action all the time...

By now Beckenbauer was Europe's No.1 player and the pin-up boy of millions of fans.

Since 1966 his game had acquired new colors and shades; his vast repertoire had broadened.

He was by now directing operations from the middle of the defence, with absolute imperial grace and authority; it was up to him to have the ball played calmly out of defence, to scramble his midfielders into all sorts of intricate patterns and, as often as not, to present his front runners, Mueller, Hoeness and the Swedish Torstensson, with incredibly sprayed 30 and 40-metre passes, flung casually, often banana-bent, with the ball dropping softly in front of the man in full flight, cutting out the need to even change stride.

The only other players whom I have ever seen to do this with the same eerie precision and regularity were Di Stefano and Bozsik.

Barely a year later, in 1973, while in Frankfurt, I travelled to nearby Offenbach to see the local Kickers take on Bayern.

(It was there, in the curtain-raiser, that I saw a brilliant teenage talent playing for Offenbach Juniors: within a year he was with FC Koln, a year

later in the German national team. His name: Dieter Mueller.)

Beckenbauer was in majestic touch; those around him—Breitner, Hoeness, Roth, Schwarzenbeck—were like courtiers serving a benevolent emperor.

I remember one episode very clearly.

Bayern were struggling to break through and the shots were raining on the Offenbach goal.

However, most were blocked or charged down.

Then Beckenbauer, visibly impatient with all the pedestrian and unproductive toil of mere mortals, crept forward.

At once the ball was played back to him, obviously for the usual re-distribution.

But Der Kaiser sold a dummy to the left then to the right, stole himself to about 25 metres of the goal and, with aloofness bordering on disdain, placed—not slammed, just curved—the ball into the upper right corner.

Of course, I again admired him during the 1974 World Cup when he led West Germany to triumph; against Holland in the final it was his consistent genius against the vibrating but erratic brilliance of Johan Cruyff that made the difference.

His last tango for me was in Paris: Bayern played Leeds in the European Champions' Cup final of 1975.

Bayern, by now on the slide, were for once the underdogs and the 10,000 Leeds fans in the elegant Parc des Princes stadium—later to feel their fury and suffering massive damages—were there to celebrate Jimmy Ar-

—By Andrew Dettre—

mfield and his stars.

But they forgot about Beckenbauer. This time it was his turn to show his genius as a defender.

With Leeds pushing forward most of the match, Beckenbauer made sure that the penalty area remained his domain.

Leeds, mistakenly I believed, kept lobbing high crosses into the goalmouth; Lorimer, Gray and Bremner were searching for the telling head of the tall Joe Jordan.

Beckenbauer never once seriously challenged the taller and stronger Jordan; he left that job to Schwarzenbeck.

The thick-necked tough Bavarian stopper kept jumping with Jordan throughout the match, refusing to give him a clear target.

Jordan did reach most of the crosses but not cleanly enough and there were dozens of loose balls and rebounds trickling out of this immense duel.

Almost all were picked up by Beckenbauer who, it seemed to me, must have had a computer brain to calculate not just the flight-path of the crosses but also the likely trajectory and landing place of these loose balls.

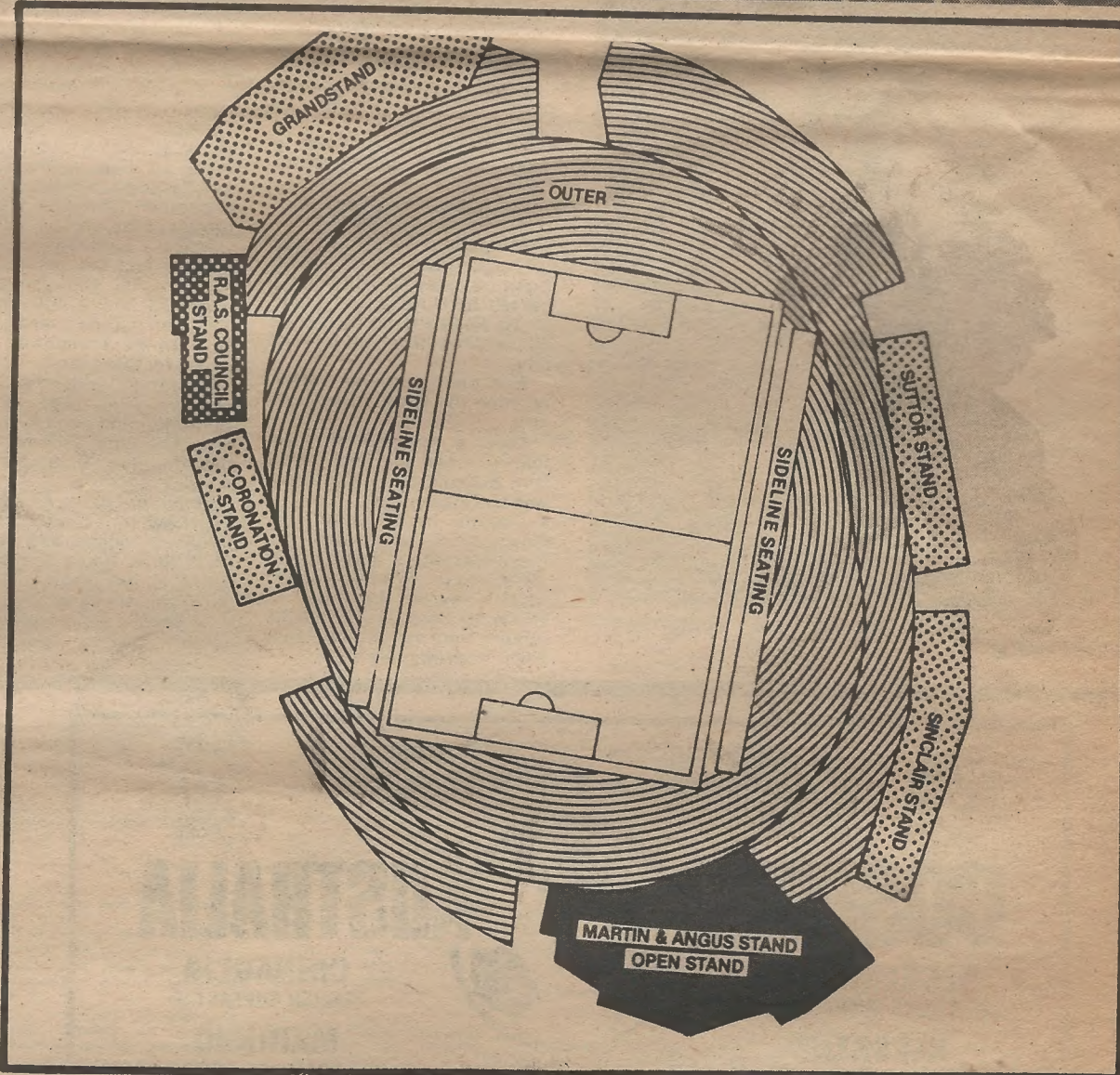
And then, he found time for something else. With a precise long ball he released the lurking Franz Roth on the left and the powerful midfielder's angled low drive made it 1-0 for Bayern.

Leeds' resistance was broken; the Kaiser did it again.



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